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**Peptides** 

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
- 2. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing the cited documents (US21 and FP10-FP12);
- 3. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet) listing the cited documents (NPL63-NPL67);
- 4. Copies of cited documents (FP10-FP12 and NPL63-NPL67); and
- 5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Copies of documents **FP10** to **FP12** and **NPL63** to **NPL67** are submitted. However, a copy of the U.S. patent application publication cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a, document **US21**, is not submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2).

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